

AN ACT concerning townships.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 3. The Election Code is amended by changing Section 25-2 as follows:

(10 ILCS 5/25-2) (from Ch. 46, par. 25-2)

Sec. 25-2. Events on which an elective office becomes vacant. Every elective office shall become vacant on the happening of any of the following events before the expiration of the term of such office:

(1) The death of the incumbent.

(2) His or her resignation.

(3) His or her becoming a person under legal disability.

(4) His or her ceasing to be an inhabitant of the State; or if the office is local, his or her ceasing to be an inhabitant of the district, county, town, or precinct for which he or she was elected; provided, that the provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to township officers whose township boundaries are changed in accordance with Section 10-20 of the Township Code, to a township officer after disconnection as set forth in Section 15-17 of the Township Code, nor to township or multi-township assessors elected under Sections 2-5 through 2-15 of the Property Tax Code.

(5) His or her conviction of an infamous crime, or of any offense involving a violation of official oath.

(6) His or her removal from office.

(7) His or her refusal or neglect to take his or her oath of office, or to give or renew his or her official bond, or to deposit or file such oath or bond within the time prescribed by law.

(8) The decision of a competent tribunal declaring his or her election void.

No elective office, except as herein otherwise provided, shall become vacant until the successor of the incumbent of such office has been appointed or elected, as the case may be, and qualified.

An unconditional resignation, effective at a future date, may not be withdrawn after it is received by the officer authorized to fill the vacancy. Such resignation shall create a vacancy in office for the purpose of determining the time period which would require an election. The resigning office holder may continue to hold such office until the date or event specified in such resignation, but no later than the date at which his or her successor is elected and qualified.

An admission of guilt of a criminal offense that would, upon conviction, disqualify the holder of an elective office from holding that office, in the form of a written agreement with State or federal prosecutors to plead guilty to a felony, bribery, perjury, or other infamous crime under State or federal law, shall constitute a resignation from that office, effective at the time the plea agreement is made.

For purposes of this Section, a conviction for an offense that disqualifies the holder of an elective office from holding that office shall occur on the date of the return of a guilty verdict or, in the case of a trial by the court, the entry of a finding of guilt.

(Source: P.A. 90-707, eff. 8-7-98.)

Section 5. The Township Code is amended by adding Section 15-17 and by changing Section 15-30 as follows:

(60 ILCS 1/15-17 new)

Sec. 15-17. Township officer after disconnection. A township officer of a township from which territory is disconnected shall continue as an officer of the township until the expiration of the term for which he or she was elected or

appointed and until a successor is elected or appointed and qualified, without regard to whether the township officer resides in the township or the territory disconnected from the township.

(60 ILCS 1/15-30)

Sec. 15-30. Payment for property taxes collected by coterminous city. After August 11, 1986, whenever territory is disconnected from a township and connected to a coterminous township before the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly, the coterminous city shall provide, on or before December 31 of each year for a period of 10 years, to the township from which the territory was disconnected an amount equal to the real estate tax that was collected on the property in the tax year immediately preceding the disconnection. Whenever territory is disconnected from a township and connected to a coterminous township on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly, the coterminous city shall provide to the township from which the territory was disconnected, for a period of 10 years: (i) no later than 60 days after the first due date for real estate taxes in that county for that tax year, an amount equal to at least 50% of the real estate tax that was collected on the property in the tax year immediately preceding the disconnection and (ii) on or before December 31 of each year an amount equal to 50% of the real estate tax that was collected on the property in the tax year immediately preceding the disconnection.

(Source: P.A. 86-1299; 87-1197; 88-62.)

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law.